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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S VISIT : DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT

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1. HERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF YUGOSLAV DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S VISIT WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US TODAY BY FSFA AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD STARCEVIC. HE SAID US DRAFT HAD BEEN USED AS BASIS, WHICH YUGOSLAVS REGARDED AS VERY GOOD. ANY CHANGES THEY SUGGESTED, HE SAID, WERE IN THE SAME SPIRIT AS WE HAD PROPOSED. ALTERED LANGUAGE IN TEXT IS INDICATED BY UNDERLINING.

2. "AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA JOSIP BROZ TITO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICAN, GERALD R. FORD, AND MRS. FORD PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, ON AUGUST 3 AND 4, 1975.

3. "CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN (UNDERLINED) PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, (END UNDERLINED PART) THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD CORDIAL, OPEN, AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON A (UNDERLINED) SERIES OF QUESTIONS (END UNDERLINED) OF MUTUAL INTEREST. (UNDERLINED) TAKING PART IN THE TALKS (END UNDERLINED) WERE.....

4. "PRESIDENTS (UNDERLINED) TITO AND FORD (END UNDERLINED)

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REITERATED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE

WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF (UNDERLINED) YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES (END UNDERLINED) ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY BY THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND BY (UNDERLINED) SOVEREIGNTY,(END UNDERLINED) MUTUAL RESPECT, AND FULL EQUALITY OF (UNDERLINED) ALL (END UNDERLINED) STATES, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES OR SIMILARITIES IN THEIR SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

5. "PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT OFFERED AN OCCASION TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH CONTINUE TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY. (UNDERLINED) PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPLES PRESENTED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1971, REPRESENT THE CONTINUING BASIS OF RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SFR YUGOSLAVIA AND THE USA. (END UNDERLINED) IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT TITO, FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE RELATIONS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT (UNDERLINED) FURTHER PROGRESS (END UNDERLINED) HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, AND AGREED THAT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND OTHER TYPES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS (UNDERLINED) FEASIBLE (END UNDERLINED) MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, (UNDERLINED) AND THAT THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS EXISTED FOR ADVANCING NEW AND UP-TO-DATE FORMS OF COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, JOINT INVESTMENTS, ETC. WITH THE OBJECT OF STIMULATING THE ALL-AROUND AND LONG-LASTING DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CONCRETE MEASURES WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WERE EXAMINED. (END UNDERLINED)

6. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL, AND OTHER FORMS OF EXCHANGES TO THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT (UNDERLINED) AND AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THIS COOPERATION. (END UNDERLINED)

7. "PRESIDENT FORD GREETED THE READINESS OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH VARIOUS CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

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8. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE DEEP HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND ESPECIALLY THE PART WHICH AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN HAVE LONG PLAYED IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND (UNDERLINED) OLD (END UNDERLINED) HOMELANDS.

9. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE

RECENT CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE (UNDERLINED) CONSISTENT APPLICATION (END UNDERLINED) OF THE PROVISION OF THE FINAL ACT, WHICH THE (UNDERLINED) SIGNATORY COUNTRIES (END UNDERLINED) PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO APPLY, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS (UNDERLINED) AND OFFER A STIMULUS TO JOINT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE IN THE WORLD AND TO ACHIEVE CONDITIONS FOR THE OVERCOMING OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND OTHER DIVISIONS BETWEEN NATIONS AND PEOPLES. (END UNDERLINED)

10. (UNDERLINED) "PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD AGREED THAT THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF HUMANITY TODAY AND THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT, THROUGH DIALOGUE, TO ENABLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUAL RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF ALL AND THE BUILDING OF A MORE JUST ECONOMIC ORDER. (END UNDERLINED)

1. "THEY ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND UNDEVELOPED, IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

12. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXAMINED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, AND THE (UNDERLINED) QUESTION (END UNDERLINED) OF DISARMAMENT. THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THIS AND ALSO ON OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS AND (UNDERLINED) REAFFIRMED (END UNDERLINED) THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODIC CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD ACQUAINTED EACH OTHER WITH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES OF THE SFRY AND THE US ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE. (UNDERLINED) PRESIDENT TITO ESPECIALLY SET FORTH VIEWS ON THE POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT IN TODAY'S CONFIDENTIAL

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WORLD AND UNDERScoreD THE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH YUGOSLAVIA ATTACHES TO THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES IN LIMA, THE SEVENTH SPECIAL AND THE THIRTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNGA. (END UNDERLINED)

13. "PRESIDENT FORD AGAIN CONFIRMED THE STEADFAST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY AND NONALIGNED POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA."

13. STARCEVIC EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD INCLUDED IN PARA 4 REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WE HAD INCLUDED IN ULTIMATE PARAGRAPH (REFTEL. HE SAID IT SEEMED TO THEM MORE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THIS REFERENCE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THIS POINT IN COMMUNIQUE.

14. REGARDING CHANGE IN PARA 5 OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT,
STARCEVIC SAID IT SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO
WELCOME YUGOSLAVIA'S OFFER OF CONTRIBUTION TO BICENTENNIAL
RATHER THAN FOR PRESIDENT TITO TO OFFER.

15. EMBASSY REGARDS SEVERAL YUGOSLAV CHANGES AS UNACCEPTABLE.
OUR COMMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TOMORROW AFTER FURTHER STUDY
OF DOCUMENTS INVOLVED.
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